

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 10 are pending; claims 1, 9 and 10 are rejected; claims 2 – 8 are objected to.

The applicant's attorney cancels claims 1 and 10, and amends claims 2, 6, 7 and 9. Claim 2 is amended to convert it into an independent claim by including the limitations of claim 1 from which it depends. The amendment to claim 2 does not narrow claim 2 and does not add any new matter. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to address the Examiner's objection. These amendments do not narrow the claims. The applicant's attorney asserts that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

The applicant's attorney amends the specification by replacing the original abstract with the abstract in this response. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's attorney respectfully requests the examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 1, 9 and 10 and objection to claims 2 – 8 in view of the amendments and remarks, and issue an allowance for claims 2 – 9.

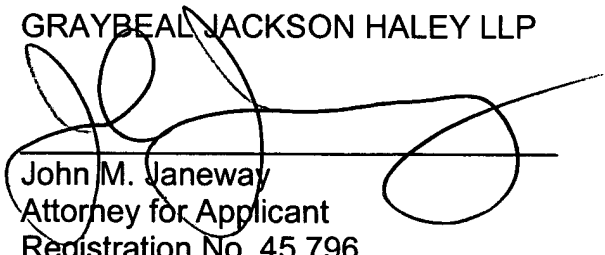
Should any additional fees be required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, John Janeway, at (425) 455-5575.

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